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SEWAGE SPILL TO BUENA VISTA LAGOON - UPDATE VOLUME SPILLED TO THE LAGOON UPDATED TO OVER 1 MILLION GALLONS

The volume of sewage spilled to the Buena Vista Lagoon reported yesterday evening has been updated to over one million gallons. The City of Carlsbad Municipal Water District updated the spill volume based upon the spill flow rate, time of containment, and recovery efforts. The spill, which was caused by a sewer main line break at a pump station located at Jefferson Avenue and Highway 78 in Carlsbad, was discovered about 7:00 PM on April 1st, and contained at 8:00 AM this morning, April 2nd. A more accurate estimate of the volume of sewage spilled to the lagoon will be available after the City completes repairs to the sewer line and it's investigation of the spill. Signs warning of sewage-contaminated water have been posted at access points to the lagoon and along the ocean shoreline from Beech Avenue in Carlsbad north to Cassidy Street in Oceanside. Signs will remain in place until samples confirm the ocean water is safe for recreational use.

For more information on the sewage spill, please call the City of Carlsbad Municipal Water District at 760-434-2957.

For updates on beach closure information please call the 24-hr. hotline at (619) 338-2073 OR

www.cleanup.org, 'Programs' and select San Diego Beach Water Quality

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